



## Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 05 October 2007

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- The *USA Today* reports that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will test heat-sensing cameras capable of detecting objects hidden under clothing from 20 yards at rail and bus stations. The system's manufacturer believes the new technology will also benefit military bases, landmark buildings, large events, arenas and, possibly, stores. (See item [8](#))
- The *Associated Press* reports that, according to a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, federal agencies are unaware of the total number of American research laboratories that could become the targets of attacks. The report was prepared for a House Energy and Commerce Committee, a day after news of an increase in accidents and missing shipments among these labs surfaced in the media. (See item [17](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical**: ELEVATED, **Cyber**: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *October 4, PR Newswire* – (National) **AEP, GE Energy will pursue development, integration, deployment of enhanced energy delivery, advanced metering technologies.** American Electric Power (AEP) and GE Energy will pursue the development, integration and deployment of advanced energy delivery infrastructure and metering technologies in a way that will benefit consumers by controlling and reducing electricity costs, and improve the overall

efficiency of electricity use. In the first stage, the two companies will reach two regions covering 200,000 customers by the end of 2008, but their ultimate goal is to serve AEP's entire customer base of more than 5 million by the end of 2015. "This increased efficiency by customers and by our own grid translates to a reduction both in fuel used and greenhouse gas emissions released by our power plants. It also helps delay the need for new generation to keep up with the growth in demand," said AEP's chairman, president and chief executive officer. The new equipment will enable customers to fully and directly control the usage of electricity, and will ensure a more efficient delivery of electricity to the consumer.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/CLTH02804102007-1.htm>

2. *October 4, USA Today* – (National) **Shortage of renewable energy grows.** According to a report, to be published next week by the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL), demand for clean-energy, such as wind, solar, and biomass, will exceed supply by 37 percent in 2010 unless companies develop new projects. Under laws in 25 states, up to 30 percent of a utility's portfolio must be made up of clean energy in the next five to 15 years. Because of concerns over global-warming emissions, corporations have increased their green power purchases twenty-five fold since 2001, says the Environmental Protection Agency. Although green energy purchases have increased 46 percent a year since 2003, new wind capacity "has been slowed by a worldwide turbine shortage and local opposition to wind projects." Partly as a result of the shortages, the price for renewable-energy has increased substantially in several regions, especially in the West. A senior analyst from NREL said that high prices and the threat of large fines for failing to meet state-imposed green minimums should be an incentive for companies to build more clean-energy projects.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/environment/2007-10-03-clean-energy\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/environment/2007-10-03-clean-energy_N.htm)

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## **Chemical Industry**

3. *October 2, KATU* – (Oregon) **PCB cleanup begins near Bonneville Dam.** On Monday, a contractor started removing nearly an acre of soil contaminated with cancer-causing PCBs and mercury from the Columbia River, near the Bonneville Dam. PCBs are a mix of chemicals that were widely used in electrical equipment, such as transformers, before they were banned in 1976. Electrical equipment that was dumped into the river in the 1960s contaminated the river bottom near the dam. Cleaning up the contaminated sediment will cost an estimated \$2 million.

Source: <http://www.katu.com/news/local/10180021.html>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste**

4. *October 4, Washington Times* – (International) **U.S.-led team to verify closing of nuke plant.** North Korea agreed yesterday to disable its main nuclear facility by the end of the year, in a rare process to be overseen by a U.S.-led international team and initially financed by the United States. U.S. inspectors are to arrive at the Yongbyon nuclear complex as early as next week. A statement issued yesterday by Beijing read: "The disablement of the 5-megawatt

experimental reactor at Yongbyon, the reprocessing plant [radiochemical laboratory] at Yongbyon and the nuclear fuel-rod fabrication facility at Yongbyon will be completed by December 31, 2007.” President Bush said that economic and energy assistance will be “provided as North Korea carries out its commitments.” North Korea also committed not to transfer nuclear materials, technology, or know-how beyond its borders.

Source:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071004/FOREIGN/110040058/1003>

5. *October 3, Reuters* – (National) **New US nuclear plants may have to be air crash-safe.** New U.S. nuclear power plants may have to be built to withstand air crashes, including attacks and the impact of large commercial airplanes, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said on Wednesday. The requirement, if adopted, would affect the rush of new reactors expected in the next decade in what the NRC says may be a revival for nuclear power in the United States. The builders of nuclear power plants are not likely to be required to mount defenses that would ward off an air attack, but the NRC said they should plan so a new plant “would be better able to withstand such a crash.”

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKN0328401320071004?pageNumber=2>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

6. *October 3, 2News TV, Boise, Idaho* – (National) **Truth squad: Visa scam.** A new scam surfaced involving credit card fraud. According to reports, fraudsters call Visa card holders claiming they are representatives of the card security department and that they are calling to inquire if somebody else used their card. “The caller or the contactor has enough real verifiable information to make the contact seem very plausible,” said a Better Business Bureau official. Although the scammers already have the victim’s credit card number, mailing address, and the bank the card was issued from, they call to ask for the security card number printed on the back of the card, because without that number they cannot use the card. Officials urge people, who receive these types of requests via phone or email, to call their credit card company and inform them that somebody is trying to scam them.

Source: <http://www.2news.tv/news/local/10213946.html>

7. *October 3, Macworld* – (International) **Fraudsters jump to US to cash out on UK cards.** Because of the lack of a special “chip-and-pin” technology in the U.S., fraud involving U.K. credit cards has increased by 126 percent in the first six months of this year. In the United Kingdom, credit and debit cards feature this microchip, which helps to authenticate a personal identification number (PIN) during purchases and cash-machine withdrawals. If a card lacks the microchip the banks disallow the transaction. In the U.S., however, fraudsters can copy the

magnetic stripe on the back of a card and steal a person's PIN simply by attaching "skimmers" to a cash machine or by using small cameras recording the pin the person enters. According to the spokeswoman for the Association of Payment Clearing Services, in 2006, U.S.-based fraud using U.K. cards totaled US \$34 million, thus overtaking France "as the number one place where fraudsters can convert U.K. credit and debit card details into cash." U.K. merchants have started to take precautionary measures and integrated additional password checks to their sites, which "directly connect a cardholder with the issuer for password verification before a transaction."

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/macworld/20071003/tc\\_macworld/fraud20071003;\\_ylt=AsIaapOCHkuzif4Po\\_aFnXS5n6gB](http://news.yahoo.com/s/macworld/20071003/tc_macworld/fraud20071003;_ylt=AsIaapOCHkuzif4Po_aFnXS5n6gB)

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

8. *October 3, USA Today* – (National) **TSA to test new thermal cameras in rail stations.** In an attempt to prevent terrorist attacks on mass transit, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced the possible installation of 45 pound machines carrying 10-inch heat-sensing cameras at rail and bus stations. The small, portable cameras are capable of detecting objects hidden under clothing from 20 yards away, thus exposing possible suicide bombers before they reach their target. However, opponents of the new devices point to the possibility of camera malfunctions, which could lead to the search of innocent people. Although the new machines can identify 'cold' objects, they are not capable of identifying the material. Moreover, "objects that are a certain minimum size and in certain locations will trigger a red light on a computer monitor, prompting a screener to search the person," the TSA said. The machines' manufacturer, QinetiQ North America, believes the new technology would also be beneficial at "military bases, landmark buildings, large events, arenas and possibly stores trying to catch shoplifters."

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2007-10-03-cameras\\_N.htm?csp=34](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2007-10-03-cameras_N.htm?csp=34)

9. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **FBI investigating double commuter train derailment in Chicago.** FBI and Joint Terrorism Task Force officials are in Chicago investigating two rush-hour commuter train derailments on separate tracks near the same station, a week after 30 railroad spikes were found missing from tracks on the same line. Both trains remained upright, and no injuries were reported, according to a Metra spokeswoman. The first train was carrying 257 passengers and derailed around 5 p.m. Tuesday, she said, and the second, with about 200 passengers, derailed around 6:30pm as it tried to go around the first train.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/484/story/1461976.html>

10. *October 3, Associated Press* – (National) **Gov't pays \$52.3m for screener equipment.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has awarded eight deals worth \$52.3 million for advanced screening equipment to check for explosives at U.S. airports. The purchases include 125 advanced X-ray machines that offer baggage handlers better imaging; 12 units that use computer tomography to screen baggage for explosives; 12 units designed to find concealed items on people; 37 devices for screening casts and prosthetics; and hand-held explosive

detection scanners, among other systems. The agency is planning on increasing its purchases over the next two years, according to TSA officials.

Source:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/apwire/62a16593d036ee9a396e8ee461cfef73.htm>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

11. *October 4, Associated Press* – (National) **EPA asked to regulate ship emissions.** On Wednesday, the California Attorney General and several environmental groups submitted requests to the Environmental Protection Agency to “require oceangoing ships to limit emissions of heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming.” The EPA will review the requests and respond within six months. Recently, the EPA asked the United Nations International Maritime Organization, responsible for regulating the global shipping industry, to set international emissions standards for marine vessels. The vice president of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association supports the idea of international regulation as it places everyone “on a level playing field.” The EPA has begun to develop regulations aimed at reducing emissions after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled earlier this year the EPA had “the authority to regulate carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases linked to climate change.”

Source:

[http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5h4HL0LlOA5hTROjk8zRlsQjus\\_NwD8S26RE00](http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5h4HL0LlOA5hTROjk8zRlsQjus_NwD8S26RE00)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

12. *October 4, Nebraskafarmer.com* – (National) **GAO says U.S. agriculture may be vulnerable to foreign pests.** According to a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report the transfer of Agricultural Quarantine Inspection program (AQI) responsibilities from USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in March of 2003 may have left the U.S. vulnerable. The Agricultural Quarantine Inspection program requires passengers and cargo to be inspected to keep prohibited pests and materials from entering the country. Although GAO found that APHIS and CBP have expanded hours of training and created new liaison positions in the field to act as agricultural advisors, CBP needs to address several management problems. Among them, CBP had not used available data to evaluate AQI’s effectiveness and had failed to develop performance measures to manage and evaluate the program.

Source: <http://nebraskafarmer.com/index.aspx?ascxid=fpStory&fpsid=30256&fpstid=1>

13. *October 3, Reuters* – (National) **Kraft recalls Baker’s Premium White Chocolate.** Kraft Foods Inc. said on Wednesday that it recalled approximately 24,000 cases of Baker’s Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares distributed throughout the United States, after it was notified of possible salmonella contamination by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. FDA tests had detected the presence of salmonella in some 6-oz. packages. The company said the recalled product is in 6-ounce packages with UPC Code 0043000252200 and the following

"best when used by" dates: 31 MAR 2008 XCZ, 01 APR 2008 XCZ, 02 APR 2008 XCZ, 03 APR 2008 XCZ. So far, there have been no reports of illness.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/companyNewsAndPR/idUSN0328681520071004>

14. *October 3, Bay City News* – (California) **Dept. of Public Health details expands tofu recall.** The California Department of Public Health announced Tuesday that it has expanded the initial September recall of tofu produced by Quon Hop and Co. to include more Soy Deli products that were distributed to supermarkets and natural food stores on the West Coast and in the Midwest. The expanded recall includes baked tofu in five spice, hickory, honey sesame, teriyaki and savory flavors, mesquite smoke tofu, Hawaiian style fried tofu, nigari vacuum-pack tofu, original, garden, barbeque, teriyaki and Cajun burgers all with date codes on or before January 28, 2008. It also includes water-packed tofu in orange, blue and red, Quong Hop water-packed tofu in red and nigari tofu all with date codes on or before November 28. The recalls were prompted by possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination.  
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=local&id=5689300>

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## **Water Sector**

15. *October 3, Business Journal of Phoenix* – (Arizona) **EPA puts southern Arizona water companies on notice.** The Environmental Protection Agency has placed two southern Arizona water companies on notice for violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The companies need to submit action plans to the EPA regarding how they will combat heightened levels of disinfecting byproducts, which are used in the preparation of groundwater for consumption, by April 1 or face daily fines. The byproducts have been shown to increase the risk of cancer and liver, kidney, and central nervous system problems.  
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/stories/2007/10/01/daily37.html>
16. *October 4, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **GOP lawmakers demand water bond include dams.** Republican and Democratic lawmakers are at odds in California over what should be included in the next water bond. Republicans insist that the bond include dams, while Democrats believe that “less grand projects can capture more water more cheaply.” The governor and Republican lawmakers seek a “\$9-billion bond, \$5 billion of which could be used to expand or build reservoirs in Glenn, Contra Costa and Madera counties.” The democratic controlled legislature prefers a “\$5.4-billion bond that will not mention specific reservoir projects but instead allow local water districts to compete for state money to offset some dam costs.”  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-dams4oct04,1,4890974.story?coll=la-headlines-california>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

17. *October 4, Associated Press* – (National) **CDC to review inspections rules for labs.** According to a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, federal terror-fighting agencies cannot identify all the American research laboratories that could become targets of



attackers. The GAO asked a dozen agencies whether they kept track of all the labs handling dangerous germs and toxins, or knew the number. All responded negatively. The government regulates 409 laboratories approved to work with 72 of the world's deadliest organisms and poisons. The findings were prepared for a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing Thursday, the day after the *Associated Press* reported an increase in accidents and missing shipments among these labs.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071004/ap\\_on\\_go\\_co/dangerous\\_germs](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071004/ap_on_go_co/dangerous_germs)

18. *October 4, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **E coli. infections affect Ind. children.** An outbreak of E. coli has sickened at least 10 people, including seven schoolchildren, in Floyds Knobs, Indiana. All the people infected last month are linked in some way to Galena Elementary School in Floyds Knobs, a southern Indiana town about 15 miles northwest of Louisville, Kentucky. The school district does not use Topps hamburger meat, which was the subject of a 21.7 million pound recall this month, and officials have ruled out school cafeteria food as a source of E. coli.

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071004/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/e\\_coli\\_infections;\\_ylt=Agagn5bwZCl8Xx2WQp78Mvqs0NUE](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071004/ap_on_re_us/e_coli_infections;_ylt=Agagn5bwZCl8Xx2WQp78Mvqs0NUE)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *October 3, United Press International* – (District of Columbia) **Fires set in U.S. Senate office buildings.** On Wednesday, four fires were set in two U.S. Senate office buildings – three in the Hart building and one in the Dirksen building. No one was injured and neither building was evacuated. The fires are being investigated, but officials said “it appeared the fires were meant to be a nuisance, rather than something more foul.”

Source:

[http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top\\_News/2007/10/03/fires\\_set\\_in\\_us\\_senate\\_office\\_buildings/4901/](http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top_News/2007/10/03/fires_set_in_us_senate_office_buildings/4901/)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

20. *October 4, PR Newswire* – (California) **Temple City implements multilingual emergency notification service.** The Connect-CTY mass communication service will provide Temple City, California officials the possibility of communicating emergency messages to its residents in a variety of languages spoken by the diverse community. Through a single phone call, messages are sent in a matter of minutes in English, Spanish, Mandarin and Vietnamese to thousands of residents, businesses, and local officials. The system also enables authorized users to “use a map on the Connect-CTY system to contact people associated with specific geographical locations, sending messages only to select neighborhoods when needed.” The city will conduct its first test-call on October 4, to ensure that all phone numbers entered are correct. Residents, who did not receive the call, should go to the city's Web site and enter their contact information.

Source: <http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/10-04-2007/0004675931&EDATE=>

21. *October 3, Silverton Appeal* – (Oregon) **Chemical discovery is test of crisis preparation.** A cache of hazardous chemicals found in Silverton, Oregon and deemed a threat by the Oregon State Fire Marshall and the Department of Environmental Quality has been eliminated. For various agencies their discovery and containment was a successful test of a newly installed emergency response system. Agencies used the scare to test reformulated action plans, and found that much went according to plan. The emergency preparedness coordinator for Silverton Hospital and the city of Silverton said that communication went well, but some details, including how to put hospital workers and team leaders on alert when they are gone and how to inform the public without causing panic, needed work.

Source: <http://www.eastvalleynews.com/appeal/article.cfm?i=10317>

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## **Information Technology**

22. *October 4 Wired.com*– (National) **Gathering ‘Storm’ superworm poses grave threats to PC nets.** An article in *Computerworld* theorizes that the creators of Storm Worm are preparing for phase two of their plan. Currently, Storm worm is not doing much, the article says, except gathering strength by continuing to infect Windows machines. The worm, which has been the most successful of a new breed of worm written by hackers seeking profit not fame, is currently unstoppable. “Storm has been around for almost a year, and the antivirus companies are pretty much powerless to do anything about it.” It is unknown what impact the worm has had and will have, since symptoms of infection do not appear quickly and infected computers can sit dormant for a long time.

Source:

[http://www.wired.com/politics/security/commentary/securitymatters/2007/10/securitymatters\\_1004](http://www.wired.com/politics/security/commentary/securitymatters/2007/10/securitymatters_1004)

23. *October 4, Associated Press* – (National) **Microsoft launches health records site.** On Thursday, Microsoft Corp. launched HealthVault, a Web site for managing personal health and medical information. The site is part library, part filing cabinet and part fax machine for an individual or family’s medical records and notes. While HealthVault itself does not do much more than provide a window into stored information, and a mechanism for sharing it, Microsoft hopes hospitals, doctors’ offices, advocacy groups and insurance companies will build Web applications that patients will want to use.

Source: [http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/071004/microsoft\\_healthvault.html?v=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/071004/microsoft_healthvault.html?v=1)

24. *October 4, Associated Press* – (National) **Ebay: phishers getting better organized, using Linux.** An Ebay audit has uncovered a huge number of hacked, botnet computers, said eBay’s chief information and security officer, speaking at a Microsoft-sponsored security symposium at Santa Clara University on Tuesday. He added that criminals are getting more organized and branching out from the Windows operating system to launch attacks. Though Linux is considered more secure than Windows, phishers are beginning to target Linux machines because Linux is highly reliable and a great platform for running server software. “Because



Linux machines can be used to more easily create specially crafted networking packets, they can be used in highly sophisticated online attacks. Capabilities like this make Linux machines highly coveted by online attackers, and they fetch a premium in the underground marketplace for compromised machines.”

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/infoworld/20071004/tc\\_infoworld/92338;\\_ylt=As6EvuHomp3lMwk5shhR5ZAJtBAF=1](http://news.yahoo.com/s/infoworld/20071004/tc_infoworld/92338;_ylt=As6EvuHomp3lMwk5shhR5ZAJtBAF=1)

25. *October 3, Computerworld* – (National) **Federal agencies face obstacles in implementing FISMA, says GAO.** The departments of Homeland Security, Justice, Defense and State are apparently still having trouble complying with some requirements of the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Four years since federal agencies began reporting on their progress in implementing the requirements of FISMA, several are still struggling to meet all of the requirements for a variety of reasons. For example, in a report dated August 31, the GAO found that the U.S. Department of Defense has been particularly challenged in trying to develop a complete inventory of major systems due to the different definitions the department uses for what constitutes a “system.”

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9040799&source=rss\\_topic17](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9040799&source=rss_topic17)

### Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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## Communications Sector

26. *October 3, The Bulletin Online* – (National) **Destruction of just one large satellite would double amount of dangerous space debris.** According to an article written by physicist David Wright and featured in this month’s issue of the science journal *Physics Today*, the destruction of satellites by anti-satellite weapons would produce much larger amounts of space debris than is commonly understood. Destroying just one large satellite, such as a U.S. reconnaissance satellite, would double the amount of debris in low Earth orbit (below 1,250 miles). This would be enough to damage or destroy other satellites. According to the article, “Space commerce generates more than \$100 billion a year in revenue, and many aspects of society are becoming increasingly dependent on the services satellites make possible. For example, militaries are increasingly relying on them for a range of uses, including communication, reconnaissance, navigation, and weather monitoring.”

Source: <http://www.thebulletin.org/columns/david-wright/20071002.html>

27. *October 3, Reuters* – (National) **Verizon sued over subscriber numbers.** A New York-based

marketing company sued Verizon Communications Inc. on Wednesday, alleging that the No. two U.S. phone company overstated subscribers to its fiber-optic cable service and charged inflated prices for advertisements there.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/internetNews/idUSN0346890320071004?sp=true>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

28. *October 4, Associated Press* – (California) **Cops find 178 homemade explosives after man allegedly makes high school reunion threat.** Florida police arrested a man Wednesday in Lakeland, Florida after he allegedly threatened violence at his high school reunion on scale with the Virginia Tech shootings. Deputies found 178 homemade M-80 and M-100 explosive devices in his home as well as 700 additional devices under construction, according to police documents. Vaughn is charged with cyberstalking, 178 counts of possessing a destructive device and possession of materials to manufacture a destructive device.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,299279,00.html>

29. *October 3, Associated Press* – (California) **Massive California hill collapse destroys road, prompts evacuations.** A major hillside collapse in La Jolla, California, which occurred shortly before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, caused massive damage to the overlying four-lane road and forced evacuations in a residential neighborhood. One home was destroyed and at least eight others were in danger as the collapse buckled and folded a 50-yard span of asphalt, leaving deep trenches in the road.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,299160,00.html>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

30. *October 3, Associated Press* – (International) **U.S., Canada to discuss coal mine near border.** U.S. and Canadian officials will meet in Paris during the World Heritage Convention later this month to discuss how the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park could be protected from a planned nearby coal mine. The park was designated by the United Nations as a World Heritage Site in 1995. A Canadian mining company proposed the coal mine, but has yet to request any government permits. Senators from Montana said that the park faces “multiple and immediate threats’ due to the coal project and the potential for energy giant BP to extract coal-bed methane in the headwaters of the North Fork of the Flathead River, which borders the park and runs into Montana's Flathead Lake.” The provincial government of British Columbia has assured that “energy development in the province will not proceed without adequate environmental safeguards.”

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21112968/>

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## **Dams Sector**

31. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texans want better river levees instead of fence.**

Several South Texas officials think that improving neglected levees on the Rio Grande would help resolve the dispute over the planned U.S.-Mexico border fence. They say that the restored levees would provide a clean line of sight for monitoring illegal crossings while concurrently protecting residents from flooding due to levee breaches. The officials have spoken with Texas' Senators and suggested that they request a moratorium on border fence construction in order to give the International Boundary and Water Commission time to study the "effect of levee improvements on flood protection and border security." Local residents have raised funds for some levee repairs, which are estimated to cost \$200 million, and further funding is being sought at the federal level.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/ap/tx/5186154.html>

32. *October 4, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **Much of Marana a flood zone.** The new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) nationwide levee certification study places much of Marana, Arizona in a flood zone. Previously, a canal, railroad tracks, and an interstate were allowed to be counted as levees in the evaluation of flood risk for the area. However, none of these are built to levee standards, and are therefore no longer taken into account. The town engineer is reviewing plans for a large-scale drainage study of Marana, which will then be submitted to FEMA to show that the affected areas are not really prone to flooding. But until this is accepted, residents will have to pay for flood insurance.

Source: <http://www.azstarnet.com/business/204244>

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